Company exercises'strat control on reimbursement of medical claims submitted by its employees. No case of malpractice on this account has come to notice. As regards overtime allowance, the Company' has taken the following steps.

(i) Planning disposal of work in a manner thai reduces need to employ • staff, on payment of overtime allowance to minimum;

(ii) deploying minimum staff on pay- ment of overtime allowance where such, deployment is inescapable;

(iii)wstaggering working home whenever possible, keeping in view operational requirement; and

(iv) controlling expenditure on over- time allowance through periodic. re viewS.

The Company has been advised to re view We position further.

Outstanding liability of ASIAD flats in Delhi -

79*1. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the kinister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT, fie pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA auc tioned Asiad flats carrying an uncleared liability. amounting to lakhs of rupees to wards property taxes, without informing the buyers through sale advertisements or otherwise and that the buyers are now facing great difficulty on account of unliquidated taxes against the flats;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of tax liability against thejlats sold "by DDA . aiM. against those which are yet_4o be sold;

(c) what are the reasons for not giving a clear picture "about the-tax liability'to the prospective buyers before selling "the flats to. them; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government for deliberately keeping the buyers in the dark, about the unliquidated property tax by the-DDA and. whether any relief is proposed to be given to the buyers on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (c). D. D'. A. has reported that before the auction of-the Asiad flats on 26-3-87 it was announced in the auction ball that the, allottee is liable Xo pay the Property tax to M. C. D. from the date the possession is given t_0 him.

(b) M. C. D. has yet to determine the liability of property, tax in the case of individual allottees of flats sold as ' also *fret* to be sold.

(d) Does not arise..

Tehigu Ganga Project

792. SHRI MUKHTTAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA' CHOWDHURY; ' '

Will the Minister of WATER. RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Talugu Ganga has not been going on as per schedule due to non releasing of iiuudg for the projects "by the Tamil Nadu Government for its share of Rs. 200 owes; and

(b) whether Central Government propose to approach the Tamil Nadu Government for timely release of funds for the completion of the project an^ if not, -* the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SSHRI B. SHANKARANAND):. (a) The project is* not being monitored by the Centre.

(b) Does not arise. Starvation deaths in drought prone areas

793. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether. there has" been serious drought conditions pravailing the Sta-

tes of Maharashtra, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh;,

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been number; of deaths due" to starvation in the Kalahandi district of- Orissa during the last three months; and

(c) whether Government have provided some special relief to the drought prone States to avoid starvation deaths and if not, the reasons therefor?

, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COOPERATION IN THiE MINISTRY OF 'AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (aj The-Government of Maharashtra, Orisa and Andhra Pradesh have reported drought conditions of varying degrees in parts of the States.

(b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. .

Indo-USSR Protocol on Co-optration in fiie Waiter Resources Sector

794.. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-' DHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the USSR have' recently signed a protocol for. co-operation "in the water resources sector;

(b) if so, the broad" outlines thereof;

(c). the areas which are likely t^be - covered by it; and. ~

(d)> the amount of foreign exchange earmarked for the purpose?.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) (d) A protocol of Cooperation between Ministry of Water Resources, India, and Ministry $_0$f Land Reclamation and Water Management, USSR in the field of d irrigation and Water! has been signed on 3rd April, 1987. '

The; The Cooperation Programme covenareas like construction of damrand canals using targetted blasting method; designing; hydraulic structures jon, unstable soil; stu--dies for design and construction of High Earth and Rock-fill Dams in areas ' of, seismic activity; " ground ^wbter exploration and prospective drilling; drainage systems for elective control of land salinizaiioo and water logging etc.

Application of new Farm Technique, in Rural Areas

. 795. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wnether it isa. fact that, the new farm techniques have not reached . the rural area in spite of several . *years* of its invention and applieation; and

(b). if so, what steps Government have taken for the applieation of new farm techniques in the rural areas ia fulFmeasures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL,. TUBE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. YOGENDRA, MAKWANA): (a) No Sir, the modem- farm tech niques in Agriculture are being dis seminated in the rural areas by exten sion machinery of State Agriculture Departments|State Agriculture- Universi ties.

(b) The steps taken for application of new farm techniques in the rural areas include:

(i) Reorganisation of farm' ex_ tension services in the - "States of Andtea Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat,. Haryana, Himarfhal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra; Orissa; Pun_. jab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal by adopting the. training & visit system of extension whidh provides for transfer of farm technology in agriculture from , research scientists to Subject Matter , Specialists (SMS) in monthly Work_ shops, *fiota* SMS- to Village 'EKtansJon